

# Alternative Schooling

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# National Dropout Prevention Center-Network's Basic Core Strategy

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**Alternative schooling** provides potential dropouts a variety of options that can lead to graduation, with programs paying special attention to the student's individual social needs and academic requirements for a high school diploma.

<http://www.dropoutprevention.org/effective-strategies/alternative-schooling>

# AZ's Alternative Schools

- **Created in 1986 by A.R.S. §15-796**
- C. For the purposes of this section, "alternative education" means the modification of the school course of study and adoption of teaching methods, materials and techniques to provide educationally for those pupils in grades six through twelve who are unable to profit from the regular school course of study and environment.

# David's Success Story

(livin' the dream!)

- **Graduated with a High School Diploma**
- **Currently at the U of A**
- **Bear Down Scholarship Recipient**
- **Video - <http://www.go2rose.com/>**

# Students Served

- **Adjudicated**
- **Dropouts**
- **Behavior**
- **Pregnant & parenting**
- **Poor academic standing**

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# Schools or Jails?

On Avg All 50  
States Spent 60cent  
On Corrections for  
Every Dollar Spent On  
Education - #Schools over Jails  
#OCCUPY



# Evelyn



# AZ's Alternative Schools

- **184** schools on ADE's 2013 list
  - 65 accommodation district & district schools, 119 charter
- Between 28,000 and 30,000 students

**AZ's alternative school students fill ~ 560 school buses!**

- AZ Republic article about alternative schools –  
<http://www.azcentral.com/community/phoenix/articles/20130822arizona-alternative-education-scores-high.html>



# Cost Effectiveness

Oklahoma reports:

- Typical dropout costs taxpayers \$290,000 in lower tax revenues and higher costs for social services, health, criminal justice, etc.
- **Each dollar spent will return at least \$41**

Maricopa County Ed Service Agency's Juvenile Transition program uses:

- **\$50,000** per year as average of cost of detention, jail, and juvenile corrections

*Wouldn't you like that return on your investments?*

# AZ Alternative Education Consortium

**Accommodation District, District, and Charter  
Alternative Schools collaborating with regional centers  
and state entities**

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- <http://azaec.org/>

